

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Pichetti et al.	§ Group Art Unit: 2109
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Serial No.: 10/671,062	§ Examiner: Chong, Charles Y.
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Filed: September 25, 2003	§ Attorney Docket No.: FR920020074US1
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For: Method for Configuring	§ Customer No. 50170
Processing Entities According to their	§
Roles in a Data Processing System	§
with a Distributed Architecture	§

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to initial examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Title begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Listing of Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.